

METHOD FOR TREATMENT OF SLE**Abstract of the Invention**

Treatments have been developed for lupus patients using either anti-ID antibodies to dsDNA to block anti-dsDNA antibodies and/or kill the B cells producing the anti-dsDNA antibodies or ribosomal protein S1 peptides immunoreactive with anti-dsDNA antibodies. Examples demonstrate that (1) anti-dsDNA antibodies are cross-reactive with ribosomal protein S1, (2) anti-dsDNA antibodies suppress protein synthesis, presumably through inhibition of mRNA translation initiation, and (3) a normal human sera contains an anti-idiotypic antibody (anti-Id) to anti-dsDNA antibodies isolated from SLE patients which blocked the interactions between the anti-Id antibody fragment (Fab_2) and various anti-dsDNA preparations.

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